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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Wittstock airfield between 13 October and 2 December. 25X1
- 13 October. Between 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., aircraft flew at high altitudes over Wittstock. No air activity was observed at the field between 2 p.m. and 2:45 a.m. A twin-engine aircraft and 15 swept-back jet fighters were parked at the field. The degree of cloudiness was at 7/10 in the morning and at 5/10 in the afternoon. Between 2:30 p.m. and 3:15 p.m., no air activity was observed. There was approximately the same number of aircraft at the field as on 13 October.
- 16 October. Between 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., no air activity was observed. There was a 7/10 overcast.
- 18 October. Between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m., no aircraft were observed aloft. The weather was hazy.
- 19 October. Between 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., no air activity was conducted at the field. One twin-engine aircraft and 24 swept-back jet fighters were parked at the field.
- 21 October. Beginning at 9 a.m., individual flights were made over Wittstock. The sky was 5/10 overcast. In the afternoon, flying was continued and take-offs by elements of twos were repeatedly made.
- 24 October. No air activity was observed between 2:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. There was a closed ceiling and haze. Four aircraft were parked at the field.
- 25 October. No aircraft were observed aloft between 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- 28 October. Between 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., individual aircraft were repeatedly observed aloft. There was a 5/10 overcast.
- 30 October. Between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m., no air activity was conducted. A twin-engine aircraft and 15 swept-back jet fighters were parked at the field.
- 1 November. Between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m., only the twin-engine aircraft was observed parked at the field.
- 2 November. Around 1:30 p.m., two jet aircraft flew over Wittstock and subsequently turned and flew in the direction of the field. Between 2:30 p.m. and 3 p.m., no air activity was observed at the field.
- 4 November. No air activity was observed between 1:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. There was a closed ceiling and haze.
- 9 November. Between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m., there was no air activity and only four jet aircraft were parked at the field. The sky was 5/10 overcast.
- 16 November. At 11:15 a.m., a swept-back jet fighter was observed over Wittstock flying in the direction of the field. Between 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., no aircraft were observed at the field. The weather was hazy.

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17 November. During the morning, individual swept-back jet fighters were observed aloft. There was a 5/10 to 7/10 overcast and intermittent rain. Between 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., no activity was observed at the field and no aircraft were parked there.

18 November. Shortly after 11 a.m., a MiG-15 or U-MiG-15 was observed over Wittstock. The sky was 7/10 overcast. Between 2:45 p.m. and 3 p.m., there was no activity at the field.

19 November. Shortly after 11 a.m., a swept-back jet aircraft was observed over the town. Between 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. no air activity was conducted at the field.

22 November. Between 3 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., there was no air activity. Only four swept-back jet fighters were parked at the field. There was a closed ceiling and haze.

24 November. Five MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s were parked in front of a hangar. No air activity was observed between 1:30 p.m. and 2 p.m.

25 November. About 1 p.m. a jet aircraft was observed aloft. About 2:30 p.m., there was no activity at the field.

26 November. Between 1 p.m. and 1:30 p.m., no air activity was conducted at the field. There was a closed ceiling and haze.

28 November. A twin-engine aircraft was observed at the field at 11:35 a.m.

29 November. Between 2:30 p.m. and 3 p.m., no air activity was observed. There was a closed ceiling and intermittent rain. Four jet aircraft were parked at the eastern end of the runway.

30 November. Between 2:30 p.m. and 3 p.m., there was no air activity. The sky was 8/10 overcast. No parked aircraft were observed at the field.

2 December. About 2:55 p.m., a swept-back jet fighter took off. The sky was about 5/10 overcast. 1

2. During the latter part of November, a new radar set with a longish lateral reflector was observed about 100 meters east of the athletic field approximately in line with the Rockstaedter Mountain. The reflector rotated around its axle with the box-like structure underneath. Three radio trucks and a wooden shed were observed next to the set. 2

3. Around 2:30 p.m. on 30 October, a freight train loaded with about 30 trucks and AA guns, estimated as 37 mm, and about 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets was observed proceeding toward the airfield. At 11 a.m., eight trucks, each loaded with about 25 soldiers wearing black-bordered blue and red-bordered black epaulets, were observed en route to the field. 25X1

4. On 16 October, 15 tank trucks with trailers passed through Wittstock en route to the field. 25X1

Each tank bore the German inscription

"Fortig" (completed) in chalk.

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6. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at the field between 13 October and 30 November: 25X1

13 October. Fourteen MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s were parked in front of the hangars.

14 October. No air activity was observed at the field.

15 October. A take-off was observed at 4:35 p.m. and a landing at 4:47 p.m. The weather was hazy.

16 to 19 October. No aircraft were observed aloft. There was fog or haze.

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22 October. Around 4 p.m., an aircraft took off and made a flight of about 10 minutes duration.

23 and 24 October. Fourteen aircraft were counted at the field.

25 October. No air activity was observed. There was a dense haze.

30 October. Between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m., flying was practiced by swept-back jet aircraft which remained aloft for 8 to 10 minutes. The weather was hazy.

2 November. Some take-offs were observed. The weather was hazy in the morning and it started raining around noon.

6 November. No aircraft were observed at the field. The weather was hazy.

10 November. A swept-back jet aircraft took off at 12:40 p.m. and made a 17-minute flight. Six MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s were parked at the field.

17 November. Beginning at 9 a.m., when morning fog had dissipated, there was little air activity by swept-back jet fighters which took off individually.

18 November. No aircraft was observed aloft. There was hazy weather.

20 to 23 November. No air activity was observed. The weather usually was foggy and there were intermittent rain showers.

26 and 27 November. No aircraft were observed aloft.

7. About 4 p.m. on 28 October, a swept-back jet fighter was observed taking off and landing at the field. Eleven additional MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s were parked at the field. About 2 p.m. on 16 November, a swept-back jet fighter landed at the field. At 4 p.m., four alert aircraft were parked at the eastern end of the runway and an additional MiG-15 or U-MiG-15 in front of the hangars. About 2:30 p.m. on 26 November, 1 twin-engine aircraft and 14 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s were counted at the field. 1

8. On 28 October, six AA guns with canvas-covered gun barrels were observed in the emplacements in the southwestern corner of the field.

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9. On 1 November, only one aircraft was observed on the landing field. Around 2 p.m. on 18 November, no aircraft were observed at the field. No air activity was conducted. 1 A gun barrel was observed projecting from an emplacement in the southwestern corner of the field. 3

10. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at the field between 2 November and 5 December:

2 November. At 9:40 a.m., two swept-back jet aircraft approached from the direction of the Schweinrich troop training grounds and subsequently landed at the field. No additional air activity was observed up to 10 a.m. There was an 8/10 overcast and good visibility. Between 4 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., no air activity was conducted. The weather deteriorated and light rain set in. Four swept-back jet fighters were parked at the eastern end of the runway and 3 aircraft of the same type in front of the easternmost hangar.

5 November. At 2:20 p.m., two swept-back jet fighters flew over the field at a low altitude coming from the west. The aircraft did not land at the field.

7 November. At 9:55 a.m., two swept-back jet aircraft took off and headed toward Schweinrich. The sky was about 9/10 overcast and there was a medium degree of visibility. A conventional aircraft took off at 10:10 a.m. and a biplane which approached from the south landed at the field at 10:20 a.m. The two MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s did not return to the field up to 10:30 a.m.

12 November. A swept-back jet aircraft took off at 12:45 p.m. At 1:15 p.m., an aircraft landed at the field, coming from the direction of Schweinrich. A MiG-15 or U-MiG-15 took off at 1:30 p.m. and headed toward Schweinrich.

13 November. Take-offs by MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s were observed at 1:45 p.m., 1:50 p.m. and 4:25 p.m. There was a closed ceiling and medium visibility. An aircraft landed at 4:40 p.m.

14 November. In the afternoon, no jet aircraft was observed aloft. At 4:25 p.m., a conventional aircraft with the white No 07 on its fuselage landed at the field.

15 November. Jet fighters took off at 9:40 a.m. and 9:50 a.m. The sky was 8/10 overcast and visibility was moderate.

20 November. Between 1 p.m. and 1:30 p.m., no aircraft were observed aloft. The sky was 8/10 overcast and visibility was good. Four MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s were parked at the eastern end of the runway and in front of the hangars respectively.

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25 November. MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s practiced flying around 10:15 a.m.

28 November. Two swept-back jet fighters took off around 3:20 p.m. and one aircraft of the same type landed at 3:35 p.m. Further landings were made by a MiG-15 with set position lights at 4:40 p.m. and by two additional swept-back jet fighters shortly afterward.

4 December. Two swept-back jet fighters took off at 11:35 a.m. and one aircraft of the same type landed at 11:50 a.m. There was a 6/10 overcast and good visibility.

5 December. No air activity was conducted between 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. In addition to the 4 alert aircraft, 6 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s were parked at the field.

11. On 25 November, 4 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s were parked at the eastern end of the runway and 5 canvas-covered aircraft were observed in front of the easternmost hangar. A MiG-15 [] landed at 1:40 p.m.

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12. At 2 p.m. on 5 November, 3 railroad tank cars and 3 closed boxcars were shunted to the airfield. At 1 p.m. on 10 November, 2 railroad tank cars and 4 boxcars proceeded to the field on the spur track. On 13 November, four boxcars arrived at the field. The vacant cars again left the field in the evening. At 1:15 p.m. on 25 November, three railroad tank cars were shunted to the field.

13. On 6 November, only one Ii-2 was observed at the field. The sky was closed and visibility limited to about 1 km. The hangars were closed and no aircraft were observed in the shrapnelproof aircraft revetments. On 14 November, no aircraft were seen at the field. It rained and visibility was limited to 300 or 400 meters. 1 Motor vehicles observed entering and leaving the field included sedans [], jeeps [] and trucks []

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1. [] Comment. Wittstock airfield is occupied by the Northern P'tr Corps Hq and one fighter regiment equipped with 30 to 35 MiG-15s. Air activity was temporarily very weak because of unfavorable weather; otherwise, no changes were observed in air activity when compared with previous reports. []

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2. [] Comment. The radar set observed probably is a Token-type set. Previously, 1 Kniferest-type set, 1 Fishnet-type set and 1 Dumbo-type set were observed at the field.

3. [] Comment. It is unknown where the train came from. The AA gun emplacement in the southwestern section of the field was previously reported.

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